



ST. JOHN FISHER

Catholic Parish

A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

MASS MISA

Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Friday/Viernes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,

10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES

NEW ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE IS ON
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Saturday/Sábado:

4:00 PM-5:00PM

ADORATION ADORACIÓN

Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/

Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

OFFICE HOURS HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Thursday/Lunes - Jueves

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

ST. GABRIEL

SAN GABRIEL

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DECEMBER 20TH, 2020 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

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PRAVER & WORSHIP

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6:00 PM MASS ENTRANCE SONG

DECEMBER 19, 2020

1ST VERSE

Let dew fall down from heav'n above.

O clouds, rain down the Righteous One.

O let the earth be opened up,

And let the longed-for Savior come.

Followed by O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Missalette # 139

MASS+
INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 19 † Guadalupe L. Huddleston
6:00 PM By Dolores Gonzalez

DECEMBER 20 † Francisco J. Carrizales Jr.
8:00AM By Anita Garza

† Parish Family 10:00 AM

† Rodolfo Aguilar 12:00 PM
By Maury Rojas

DECEMBER 21 **NO MASS**

DECEMBER 22 8:00 AM
By

DECEMBER 23 † 8:00 AM
By

DECEMBER 24 † 8:00 AM
By

DECEMBER 25 8:00 AM
By

THIS MONTH'S WINE SPONSORS

THIS MONTH'S HOST SPONSORS

Joyce LeBlanc & Family

If you wish to be a sponsor please contact
Cynthia Felan at 281-352-1011.

SACRAMENT

For any Sacramental need, please call the
Pastor to make an appointment. Each
Sacrament requires a different preparation
program, to be established in the initial
interview.

SACRAMENTO

Si desea celebrar algún Sacramento, por favor
haga una cita con el párroco. Cada Sacramento
requiere un tiempo de preparación para ser
establecido en dicha entrevista.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
MON 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
TUE 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
WED 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
THR 12/24	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
FRI 12/25	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
SAT 12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Thursday:	Christmas Eve
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Saturday:	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



*O Come
All Ye
Faithful*

Christmas Masses

**COME CELEBRATE THE
REASON FOR THE SEASON**



Christmas Eve 6:00 PM
Christmas 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM



St. John Fisher
410 Clay Street, Richmond, TX 77469

Please Join us!

All are Welcome!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to trust you like Mary and Elizabeth did.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Name three reasons you can always trust God.

KIDS CORNER

Complete the picture.



PASTOR'S DESK

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DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

This Sunday we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath. Some call this the 'Mary' candle. We read in the Gospel Luke's account of how the Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary. We hear the conversation Mary had with him. Mary says those famous words: *"May it be done to me according to your word"* (Lk 1:38). Those words are certainly God's word that came to Mary in response to the message of the angel, but it was also the Eternal Word of the Father, Jesus, who because of Mary's yes, became flesh in her womb...We too are invited to say yes to the Word of God and allow it to *"take flesh"* in us. We can do this by consciously and intentionally living the words of the Gospel that come from the mouth of Jesus and contain the Life that he wants us all to share with him. All the words of Jesus become love in us when we put them into practice. In fact, all the words of Jesus can be summed up in the word *"love"*. This is because God is Love, so every word of God is love.

According to the Maltz Theory, it takes 21 days to form a new habit. That means it takes 21 days of intentionally living one phrase of the gospel for it to become a habit in our lives. Sometimes it takes a lot of faith to believe in God's Word just as it did for Mary when she questioned the angel: *"How can this be?"* (Lk 1:34). The angel's answer encouraged Mary's faith: *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God"* (Lk 1:35). Something similar can happen

for us when we put our faith in God's Word and live it in our daily life. The Holy Spirit who breathes in Jesus's words overshadows us and Jesus *"takes flesh"* in us.

The Gospel tells us that Mary immediately got ready and hurried to her cousin Elizabeth whose first words to Mary were *"Blessed are you who believed"* (Lk 1:45). This is the first beatitude of the Gospel that is not only relevant for Mary, but for anyone who would like to follow and imitate what she did. There is a close bond between motherhood and faith in Mary, which comes from adhering to the Word of God. The Gospel of Luke suggests something here that Jesus will later refer to us: *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice"* (Lk 8:21). Elizabeth almost seems to anticipate these words by suggesting that any disciple can become a *"mother"* of the Lord, provided they believe in and *live* the Word of God.

After Jesus, Mary is the one who said yes to God most perfectly. This is the essence of her greatness and holiness. While her role as the Mother of God is remarkable and great, she's not the only human being whom God invited to give life to Christ in her. Every

Christian is given the same task of incarnating Christ as St Paul said; *"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"* (Gal 2:20). Through our communion with the Word, the Eucharist and one another, we will live in Jesus and he will live in us. Then, like Mary, we will truly be able to bring Jesus into our own small world, and every day can be Christmas.

Fr. Jesse Garcia

QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

Este domingo encendemos la cuarta vela de la Corona de Adviento. Algunos se refieren a esta vela como la 'Vela de María.' Leemos en el evangelio el relato de Lucas de cómo el Ángel Gabriel fue enviado a María y escuchamos la conversación que María tuvo con él.

Ahí, María dice la famosa frase: *"que se cumpla en mí lo que has dicho"* (Lc 1,38). Esas palabras son ciertamente la palabra de Dios que le viene a María en respuesta al mensaje del ángel, pero también fue la Palabra Eterna del Padre, Jesús, quien por el sí de María se hizo carne en su vientre... Nosotros también estamos invitados a decir sí a la Palabra de Dios y permitir que se *"encarne"* en nosotros. Podemos hacer esto viviendo consiente e intencionalmente las palabras del Evangelio que vienen de la boca de Jesús y contienen la Vida que Él quiere que todos compartamos con él. Todas las palabras de Jesús se convierten en amor cuando las ponemos en práctica. De hecho, todas las palabras de Jesús se pueden resumir en la palabra *"Amor"*. Esto se debe a que Dios es amor, por lo que cada palabra de Dios es amor.

Hay una teoría llamada *"Maltz"*, que dice que se toma 21 días para formar una nueva costumbre. Eso significa que se lleva 21 días de vivir intencionalmente una frase del evangelio para que se convierta en una costumbre en nuestras vidas. A veces se necesita mucha fe para creer en la Palabra de Dios como lo hizo María cuando le preguntó al ángel: *"¿Cómo puede ser esto?"* (Lc 1, 34). La respuesta del ángel alentó la fe de María: *"El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra. Por eso el niño será Santo y será llamado Hijo de Dios"* (Lc 1, 35). Algo similar nos puede pasar cuando ponemos nuestra fe en

la Palabra de Dios y la vivimos en nuestra vida diaria. El Espíritu Santo que respira las palabras de Jesús nos ensombrece y Jesús *"se encarna"* en nosotros.

El Evangelio nos dice que María se preparó de inmediato y corrió hacia su prima Isabel, y las primeras palabras de Isabel a María fueron: *"Bienaventurada por haber creído"* (Lc 1, 45). Esta es la primera bienaventuranza del Evangelio y es relevante no solo para María, sino también para cualquier persona que quiera seguir e imitar lo que ella hizo. Existe un vínculo entre la maternidad y la fe en María, que proviene por su adhesión a la Palabra de Dios. Lucas sugiere algo aquí que Jesús más adelante nos referirá: *"Mi madre y mis hermanos son los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la ponen en práctica"* (Lc 8, 21). Isabel casi parece anticipar estas palabras al sugerir que cualquier discípulo puede convertirse en una *"madre"* del Señor, siempre y cuando crea y *viva* la Palabra de Dios.

Después de Jesús, María es la que dijo que *sí* a Dios de manera más perfecta. Esta es la esencia de su grandeza y santidad. Si bien su papel como Madre de Dios es notable y grande, no es el único ser humano al que Dios invitó a darle vida a Cristo en ella. A cada cristiano se le asigna la misma tarea de encarnar a Cristo como dijo San Pablo: *"Ya no soy yo quien vive, sino Cristo que vive en mí"* (Gál 2:20). A través de nuestra comunión con la Palabra, con la Eucaristía y entre nosotros como comunidad, viviremos en Jesús y él vivirá en nosotros. Entonces, como María, podremos verdaderamente llevar a Jesús a nuestro pequeño mundo, y cada día será Navidad.

P. Jesse Garcia



CALENDAR & EVENTS

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Alfred Arredondo, Miguel De La Torre, Antonia Flores , Lupe Garcia, Pedro Granados, Cecilia Gonzalez, Mark Lester, Ofelia Gonzalez Morales, Claudia Gonzalez, Leonard Martinez, Serafin Nuñez, Jesse Perez, Bryan Ramirez, Josefina Ramirez, Ramona Rosales, Joe Rosilez Sr., Aurora Sanchez, John Sanchez, Michael Stemmer, Esteban Treviño, Joe Wiley, Victor Zuniga,

Call the office with the names of those who need our prayers and also call to inform us when to remove the name from the list.

Llame a la oficina para informar sobre quienes están enfermos y podamos orar por ellos. Llámenos también cuando consideren que debemos sacarlos de la lista.

HOST AND WINE SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring our Hosts and Wine please contact Cynthia Felan at 281-352-1011

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Night Worship

Únanse a las Vigilias de Adoracion Nocturna velando con Jesus Eucaristia durante la noche cada primer Sábado del mes. Nuestra siguiente Vigilia será el 5 de Diciembre comenzamos a las 8:00 PM a 4:00 AM del Domingo. Para más informacion llamé a Cesar Contreras 832-971-5836 o Elmer Cerna 832-759-0996.

CONFESSIONS:

Confesiones

December 8, 2020 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

No Confessions on December 9, 2020.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Nuevo Horario de Oficina

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday/**Viernes:**

DELICIOUS TAMALES

Made by fellow parishioners all year round at St. John Fisher. Please order before 4:00 PM on Tuesdays for pickup fresh and hot between 11:00 AM and Noon on Wednesdays, all proceeds go to St. John Fisher. This year our price has changed to \$12.00 per dozen. Please call the parish office to place your order.

